



Guenser Park is located on 7.8 acres at 17800 Gramercy Place which was part of the McDonald Tract in Northeast Torrance. The Grant Deed (for Lot 73) was accepted on March 19, 1957 when Henry M. Guenser and Sophia E. Guenser donated the park land. Prior use of the land was as an excavation site by Mr. Guenser, who owned a brick company. It was later used as a dump site. The park was officially named Guenser Park by the City Council.

On June 20, 1956, the first portion of Guenser Park was grant deeded to the City. This area of approximately three and one-half acres had been completely excavated and refilled with dump material. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that a variance and conditional permit be granted to Henry M. Guenser with the stipulation that the area, after being excavated and immediately reclaimed, be deeded to the City.

In 1958, a contract was entered into with the North Torrance Babe Ruth League permitting them to use the site for baseball league games. For the next four years, things were quiet while the remaining 3 ½ acres of the area were being excavated and refilled. The original contract stipulated that Guenser was to convey all of Lot 72 to the City upon expiration of the variance period or by September 1966. In March of 1962, Henry Guenser agreed to speed up dump operations and donate the land as stipulated in the variance. An agreement was reached in March of 1962 that the Guenser Park Homeowners Association would begin preparation of a preliminary Master Plan.

The groundbreaking took place on December 12, 1962, and the park was completed and dedicated on September 29, 1963. The dedication included a picnic conducted by the local home owners association who had participated in planning the development of the Park. An easement deed was submitted in 1963 and granted to the Southern California Edison Company over portions of Lots 67 and 72 of the McDonald Tract for placement of facilities to provide electrical service in

Guenser Park. The Guenser Park Homeowners Association continued their support by planting four Chinese Elm trees in 1966.

In addition, the Torrance Rotary Club donated children's play equipment in 1992 which was later replaced in 2005. Today, the Park also has a basketball court, baseball backstop/softball diamond, horseshoe court, and picnic area. The jogging trail was added in 1993 and is .30 miles.